



Blue Note Junction

Blue Note Junction, a visionary project beginning in Asheville's historical Burton Street Community — designed to enhance and support local BIPOC entrepreneurs, and promote the health and wealth of community members (including neighborhood elders and youth) — is currently fundraising for Phase 1 of its plan: Land Acquisition. Once complete, Blue Note Junction will include a produce market and nursery, a community mini-spa, a commercial kitchen, indoor and outdoor performance spaces and the future home of Hood Huggers International's Hood Tours. As a business and health incubator, each synergistic component of the project has underpinnings for promoting health and helping launch local BIPOC businesses.

Blue Note Junction is the brainchild of local visionaries DeWayne Barton and Safi Martin. The inspired wife/husband duo have been collaborating on successful projects aimed at rebuilding Affrilachia in and around Asheville for more than 20 years. Their endeavors include the popular Hood Huggers Tours; the Peace Garden and Market (which has delivered more than 1,500 pounds of produce to neighborhood elders since 2019); HHI-Under Instruction, a neighborhood youth program based on experiential learning; and a competitive artist retreat and residency that attracts creatives from around the globe.

Fundraising for Phase One of Blue Note Junction's Land Acquisition is facing an urgent deadline as a down payment on the land purchase must be secured by the end of May. Please consider donating to this important project via Blue Note Junction's Indigogo fundraising page. No amount is too small.

Also, please share the fundraiser with anyone you think can support the goals of the Blue Note Junction project. For more information on [Blue Note Junction](#), check out [this article](#) in the Laurel of Asheville and [this WLOS interview with DeWayne Barton](#). You can learn more about [Hood Huggers International's Hood Tours](#) and their other projects [here](#).